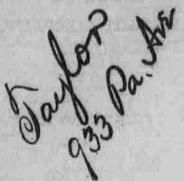
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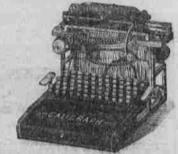
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Children's and Ladies' Hats Trimmed and Untrimmed, at prices that you will be pleased to buy.

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The Famous National Theatre Only a Blackened Pile.

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on the lengthly stretch of wooden structure erected on the reservation on Penn sylvania avenue, between Thirteentl and Fourteenth streets, there was this morning a vast crowd of people. If the proprietor of the stand can have as many people at one dollar a head on his benches next Wednesday as there were to-day he

people at one dollar a bead on his benches next Wednesday as there were to-day he will make money.

Intervening between the stand and the buildings on D street there was a mass of men and boys. The street-cars had to pick their way along there and carriages and wagons had to take another street. On the sidewalk opposite the National Theatre which used to be was an inclosed space made of partly-burned timbers. Within that inclosure were bottles and baskets containing all kinds of liquors. There were also a few boxes of eigars. These came from the establishment of Miller & Jones, which, like the National Theatre, used to be. All of the assembled crowd were looking at a most woful scene of destruction.

Commencing at the west side of the building, which was occupied by Miller & Jones as a bar-room below and a billiard hall above, and running to the building wherein Rapley & Son carry on a hardware business, there was every evidence that fire had held a carnival there. The sign above the entrance to Miller & Jones place was battered and disfigured, but it was still there. Across the whole front, and extending to Rapley's store, there had been left a sect of an archway, but that was shout all. Back of this there was a confusion of charcoal, half-burned timbers, tip, sheet-iron and fron pipes, as completely mixed up as if they had been shaken up in and dumped out of a huge dice-box.

In the rear of this still smouldering mass was a dreary array of scorched bricks which were either piled indiscrimately where they had fallen or still stood erect in uneven and shaky piles. At the castern side of what used to be the theatre proper there stands a high pile of brick. With gaps between, extending to the western side of the former building, there are other piles so varying in height as to present on a small scale a series of mountain peaks. There could hardly have been a more complete wreck of any building than what was left of the National Theatre this morning.

A couple of fire-engines on the ground, slowly puffing from th

The Statebana's name is Matthew Grady.

The Biscovery.

The watchman's name is Matthew Grady. All he knows, besides that he got out with a shirt as his only habiliment, is that there was no sign of the when he made his last round after the performance had coded. The first alarm, it appears, was given by Robert Ford, a colored boy, who was employed in Miller & Jones' establishment. He smelled smoke and ran out upon the street yelling fire. He attracted the attention of Officer Penney and Special Officer Venneman. When they reached the sheatre they could see no flames, but from the rear of the building dense amoke was arising. The special officer ran to awaken the watchman and engineer.

The theatre consisted of two buildings. The first building, which comprised the lobby and office, was two atories high. Back of this was the auditorium, and still further back the space occupied by the

Back of this was the auditorium, and still further back the space occupied by the boxes, dressing rooms and the rooms used by those who cantrol the mechanism of the stage. The watchman was in the second-story of the theatre proper. When his room was reached the subdued flames had broken forth. They had surrounded the entrance to the watchman's room. By means of a ladder he descended from his room, and at the Harris House got some clothes to eke out his summery attire.

The Fire.

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The alarm had been turned in and the engines came bounding to the scene in excellent time; but before they got to work the flames had burst through the roof and, fed by the air, attained an uncontrollable headway. They sprang heavenward, alternating, in their upward roll, like huge waves. There would be two or three huge jumps by the flames, followed by one of less height but of larger dimensions. People began to gather, and soon there were hundreds looking at the magnificent though fearful seene.

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A general alarm was turned in. The rush of the recruiting engines could not be heard above the rear and fierce crackle of the great fire. The whole city was lit up. People living seven squares away were, when they looked out of their windows, confident that the fire was no further off than the next block. The seven streams of water from seven strong cogines that were thrown upon the fire scarcely made a perceptible hissing sound, and the steam which they generated was consumed in the flames.

flames.

As the fire commenced its work in the rear portion of the theatre proper, and steadily burst its way in every direction, the scene, looking through the entrance, reminded one of a visit to an iron foundry the foreness are opened and the when the furnaces are opened and the molten metal allowed to break free from its confinement. The inflammable curtain and stage-settings were licked up as a thirsty deg would swallow a mouthful of water.

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The fire came to the forward part of the building rapidly. Soon there was no box-office and but little lobby, and the building saloon of Miller & Jones, which was above those places, was on fire. The saloon next to the lobby was next grasped by the tames. Bottled champagne and imported ale popped like the small-arms of a line of shirmishers. Much of the contexts of the saloon was gotten out and taken to the saturations. Much of the coutests of the saloon was gotten out and taken to the sadewalk across the way. An attempt was made to save something out of the billiand room, but only resulted in cheating the finnes of two billiard cues and the half of a billiard ball.

billiard ball.

As the fire progressed the walls became disintegrated. The front wall was the first to fall. Then followed successive crashes in the rear, as the walls there fell in sections, leaving a jagged perspective of bricks. Clinging to the store occupied by fingley & Son is a part of the front wall of the theatre. Mr. Hapley's stock of stoves and hardware is covered with rust, and the building is badly injured by water. Fire also did damage to its rear portion. The little confectionery store just next the theatre, and the small talloring establishment adjoining, were gutted. Mr. Tyler, the proprietor of the former, will lose about i. Continued on Third Page. [Continued on Third Page.]

SENATE.

At the opening of business Mr. Hale desired to call up the Naval Appropriation bill, stating that if he could get it through the Senate this morning he hoped to get it into the conference to-morrow.

Mr. Van Wyck objected to the considera tion of the bill until an opportunity had been given to present the reports of com-

tion of the bill until an opportunity bad been given to present the reports of committees.

Mr. Hale spoke of the almost intolorable position of the Senate, with these great appropriation bills transling in upon them, to be considered by the Appropriations Committee in the few last hours of the session. It was essential, to order to save an extra session, that every possible advancement should be given to the appropriation bills. If Senators thought it more important to get the reports of the committees off their hands, he had nothing more to say. Under Mr. Van Wyck's objection the Naval bill went over until after the morning business was disposed of.

Mr. Mahone, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported favorably House bills for the creation of public buildings at Clarkaburg. W. Va. Chicago, Aberdeen, Miss.; Anburn, N. Y., and Reading, Pa., and asked their present consideration.

Mr. Hale objected, and they went over.

Mr. Dawes inquired whether there was any prospect of a report from the Committee on Military Affairs on the bill to create as assistant chief of the Signal Bureau, which bill was designed to afford an opportunity of recognizing the distinguished services of Lieutenant Greely.

Mr. Harrison, acting chairman of the committee, replied that the early hour at which the Senate met made it difficult to get the committee together in protracted session. There were a great many matters requiring attention of the committee. Some legal difficulties not personal to Lieutenant Greely had to be considered in connection with this bill. The committee would have another meeting on Monday, when the question will be again considered.

ered.

Mr. Frye, from the Committee on Rules, reported a resolution that until otherwise ordered the Scuate take a recess from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. each day.

Mr. Hale said as he was informed this resolution would give rise to debats, he moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Naval bill. It was so ordered, and the Naval bill and the Senate amendments therefore were read at length. amendments thereto were read at length.
On motion of Mr. Hale an appropriation of \$112,000 was added to the bill for the purchase of Ericsson's Detroyer, or sub-

marine gnu.

Mr. McPherson moved an amendment ap-propriating \$5,000 to enable Lieutenaut shufeldt to prosecute his explorations in Madagascar.

Mr. Cockrell made the point of order that

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the amendment was not in order under the rules of the Senate and the point was sus-The bill with all the Senate amend-ments was adopted, the only other import-ant change being to incaesse the tomage of the two cruisers provided for from 4,000

The unfinished business, the Trade-Dollar and Suspension of Silver Colnage bill, was laid before the Senate, but on motion of Mr. Hoar, at #15 the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business.

HOUSE.

The Hense, on a communication from the secretary of War, passed the Senate resoluion authorizing the loan of flags for the

inaugural cerer The Sundry Civil Appropriation bill then came up as unfinished business, and the substitution for the Exposition clause proposed by Mr. Horr (Mich.) was adopted. It appropriates \$300,000, but requires it to be applied, first, in the payment of debts outstanding outside the State of Louisiana, and, secondly, in the payment of all premiums heretofore or hereafter awarded, the money to be disbursed under the direction of the Secretary of the Tressury, who shall detail an agent for the duty.

Mr. Potter (N. Y.) moved to strike out the clause as thus amended. Low, year 123, nays 150.

On the question of engressment and the third reading of the bill Mr. White (K.y.) demanded the reading of the engressed bill. ame up as unfinished business, and the

dr. - Randall said that auticipating that Mr. Randall said that auticipating that some Member would make this demand the precaution had been taken to have the bill enrolled, but to avoid delay he moved to suspend the rules and disponse with the third reading. Mr. White demanded a second, which was ordered and which gave him 15 minutes to oppose the motion to

CAPITOL NOTES.

THE SUBSIDY, The Senate Committee on Appropriations to-day insisted upon its sub-sidy and other clauses in the Postofiles bill and asked for a conference.

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FORTIFICATIONS.—The Fortification bill, as reported to the House, provides for an appropriation of \$555,000. Of this sam \$500,000 is for the expenses of a heard which is to examine and report at what ports fortifications or other defenses are most needed.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGEL, Mr. Harris presented in the Senate to-day a patition from altost housing. Martha Hain, H. W. Hinnie, Henry, Klings and M. A. Triplett, of this city, asking for compensation for damages to their property caused by public improvements.

The Montrous.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations bill, as sent from the House, by the net sum of \$2,004.5, or the principal item of increase is an appropriation of \$2,000. Oco for confining work on the double-turreted monitors.

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monitors.

The Coxoo Matten,—Another meeting of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs was held yesterday and Congo matters were further discussed. It appears to be the unantmons opinion of the committee that the United States should not have participated in the Congo Conference and that the appointment of American representatives to it was a missise.

Coupe Conference and that the appointment of american representatives to it was a missise. Courts-Martial.—The point of disagreement between the two houses on the Army bill is section 2, which propose to amend article this section 2, which propose to amend article this section 2, which propose to amend article this section 1942 of the Evrised Statutes, respecting courts-martial, so as to read "Proposed the Courts of the Evrised Statutes, respecting courts-martial, so as to read "Proposed Courts of the Evrised Statutes, respecting of trials shall be carried on during such hours as the court-martial shall determine." The Senate struck the section on on the ground that it was new legislation.

A Kick at Generals, "The House Committee on Foreign Arabis concluded to Aick at Germany again, Mr. Faton (Soun, la preparing a report or resolution calling the attention of Germany to the fact that she has yould the Courts of Courts of Courts of the Cour

country, he will that that teermany shall here up to her contract.

HE ORDATED THE ROLLS, On Wednesday might a liember of Congress wathed here the reporters' gallery of the House and took a rount seat. He had a cigar in his mouth. He had taken three whitle of the cigar when Charley blann, the doorseeper of the reporters' gallery, pounced upon him and out-veyed the information that it was against he rules to smoke in the gallery. "Where it in Capitol are the rules chorced!" was the incarity. Highs here in this gallery, was the freely. The Speaker was just then tailing of the infringement of the rules up a liember who was smoking on the floor. "As soon as the Speaker announces his decision, said Mann, "he rules as he construes them will be unforced here." The Member put out his cigar.

Manniaux Luckness have been issued as follows: Richard Richardson and Suzan Scott; W. R. Smith and Leonora B. Myers; A. C. Parker, of this city, and Minnie H. Fuller, of Schenetady, N. V.; Joseph T. Griffith and Mamie J. Brecht; Thomas W. Cridler and Adolaide A. Prosperi; C. B. Cruser, of Chesapeake City, Md., and Bettie Davenport, of this city; Stenken Carter and Elizabeth Shepherd; R. W. Hensford, of Prince George County, Va., and Katle Mitchellmore, of this city.

A CLEVER STROKE

Swiss Anarchists Eurprised In Their Beds and Arrested.

ALL SWITZERLAND EXCITED.

Wholesale Captures Made in Differ ont Parts of the Country at Once-Anarchism To Be Stamped Out.

BERNE, Feb. 27 .- The whole of Switzer land was thrown into a state of semi-pani at 6 o'clock this morning by a well-plauned raid on members of the anarchist societie Wholesale arrests were made in all section of the country at the same mement, and the plans of the police were so well laid and the secret of the intended descent so closely kept that nearly all the prisoners were taken from their beds.

Ten arrests were made in Berne alone, and in other cities and towns, where the aparchical propaganda has taken root, the numbers were in about the same proposition. What course the Goyerument intends to pursue in the matter of punishment, further than the usual expulsion, has not yet been made public, but a firm determination to stamp out anarchism has evidently been reached.

MR. HENDRICKS ARRIVES.

A Cordial and Spontaneous Recep-tion Given Him. Vice-President-elect Hendricks arrived

in this city at the Baltimore & Ohio depot at 3:10 o'clock p. m. to-day, and was driven in a carriage to Willard's Hotel directly after his arrival.

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A party of gentlemen, consisting of Mr. Samuel V. Niles and Major Thomas P. Morgan, of the reception committee, with a delegation from the Indiana State Association, consisting of Messrs. Davis, Byram and Ford, the latter Representative-elect from that State, left Washington on the 9 o'clock limited trein for Martinsburg W. Va., where they met Mr. Hendricks and escorted him to this city.

The Vice-President-elect was met at the depot by the reception committee, consisting of Messrs. Dorsey Clagett, Admiral Ralford, J. H. McKlinney, Edward Clark, A. StClair Denvor, W. B. Webb, John T. Given, Major A. B. Bates, Dr. C. P. Callwer, John A. Baker, R. K. Elliott, Wm. F. Matingly, Mills Dean, G. A. Mellheny, Gen. B. H. Hill, Wm. Laird and General B. C. Card.

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Eight of the most elegant carriages from the stables of Wash Nailor were at the depot, and in them the party were driven to the hotel. Upon their arrival Mr. Hendricks and party entered through the Fourteenth-street entrance. Mr. Hendricks proceeded directly to his room, and the party to the patlors, where they were joined a few minutes lafer by the Vice-President, and a public reception was hold. A large number of distinguished persons were at the hotel and congratulated Mr. Hendricks upon his arrival.

The party were expected to arrive in the city at 1:30 o'clock p. m., and a large crowd assembled at the depot to get a glance at the Vice-President-elect. A telegram received at the depot from General Superintendent Clements, of the Baltimora & Ohin Railroad, stated that the party had stopped to dinner at Cumberland, Md., and the arrival would be deferred until 3:10 o'clock p. m.

THE SILVER COINAGE.

The House Refuses to Suspend It. At the close of the morning business Mr. Randall moved the suspension of the rules in order to pass the Sundry Civil bill, except as to the clause relating to the suspen-sion of the silver coinage, and the appropri-ation for the relief of the New Orleans Ex-position. Mr. Bland at once asked for a second. The motion was seconded by a vote of 165 to 50. The advantage which this vote gave under the rules of one-half-bour's debate was not asked for, and the bis vote gave under the rules of one-half-bour's debate was not asked for, and the Honse immediately proceeded to vete on Mr. Randall's motion. The votorerulted in Ils yeas to 140 nays. The result was received with applause by the silver men. The Democrats seemed dumbfounded at the result, while a large number of Republicans could not disguise their enjoyment of the discomitture of their opponents. Finally Mr. Randall once more moved to suspend the rules and pass the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, the silver clause having been struck out previously.

The vote on the motion to suspend, when analyzed, showed a general delamong the Democrats for an abundance of silver. Of the 118 votes in the affirmative, 64 were cast by Republicans and 54 by Democrats. Every New York Member who voted, 28, voted in the affirmative, Of the negative votes 28 were cast by Re-

who voted. The voted in the affirmative. Of the negative votes II were cast by Republicans and 116 by Democrats. Among the prominent Democrats who voted in the negative were Messrs. Blackburn. Bland. Blount, Breekenridge Broadhead, Buchanan, Burns, Cobb. Foran, Hammond. Hardman, Harch, G. W. Hewitt, Holman. Sonator-elect James K. Jones, Love of Delaware, who has been talked of as Mr. Bayard's successor in the Senate: Money. Reagan, Rosecrans, Springer, Tillman, A. J. Warner and Willis. The opposing vote came largely from the South and West, although there were exceptions. Mr. Buckner voted yes, and so did Messrs. Denster, Ellis, Foliett, Hancock, Hunt, Monlion, Matchler, Tucker and Woodward.

Miss Field on "Mormonism."

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Miss Kate Field lectured last night at the Church of Our Father on "Mormonism." She had a good audience. It is an exaggeration to say that the audience was greatly disappointed. Miss Field wore a peculiar dress. It was clashed across the breast, from shoulder to shoulder, and showed a red underskirt in front. The dress was the only new thing about the lecture. The latter was simply a tale of Mormonism with which we are all familiar.

Increased Tax to Manufacture and

The bill recently passed by Congress regulating the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors in the District is regarded as an important piece of legislation.

2. The tax on wholesale dealers in raised from \$25 to \$100; manufacturers of malt liquors from \$25 to \$200; bar-rooms from \$100 to \$150.

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2,800 Bales Comforters. We can supply to the public or trade affecters from 50 cents up. 6,900 pairs confeders from 30 cents up. 6,990 pairs double blankets from 65 cents a pair, up. We have purchased an immense lot of leading brands of sheetings and piliowease cottons, and are thus enabled to offer extra burgains in these goods.

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FORBIGN NEWS.

Awaiting the Vote of Censure. Verbatim reports of the discussion in the houses of Lords and Commons last night on the vote of conthis morning, and the excitement conse-

this morning, and the excitement consequent on a possible defeat of the Government to night is intense. In all places of public resert the one topic of discussion is the censure motion. Even in the streets of London and other large etites, knots of men gather and heatedly discuss Mr. discistone's chances.

Preparations are being made by the large dailies for the publication of special editions should a division be reached in decent season, and at all the clubs in the West End the progress of the debate will be followed by the "tape" for the benefit of the crowds who will undoubtedly surround each ticker.

The difficulty of obtaining admission to the houses of Parliament appears to have the effect of increasing public interest in the battle between the opnosing parties.

The English Safety Retrenating.

The English Safely Retreating. LONDON, Feb. 27. A disputch from Gen-ral Wolseley this morning to the War Office states that General Buller has evacuonce states that teneral Buller has evacu-nted his intrenched position at Aba Klos, and reached Gakdul in asfety. The move-ment was accomplished with perfect suc-cess and without essualty of any descrip-tion. During the march Arab scouts were centinually seen, but they neither came within range of the British fire, nor at-tempted to inflict any injury on the retreat-ion column.

ios column.
General Builer's force is now believed to be perfectly safe, and the march from Gakdul to Korti, where he will join the main force, will probably be accomplished with

comparative case.

The Casualities of Yesterday's Explosion.

London, Feb. 27.—Among those who lost their lives by the explosion of the fase at the Royal School of Gunnery at Shoebiryness yesterday afternoon are Colonel Fox Strangeways, the commandant of the school, and Colonel Lyon, the head of the Royal Laboratory at Woolwich. Both mon had their loga torn from their bodies, and were otherwise horribly mutilated. The exact number of persons killed or injured by the explosion has not as yet been learned.

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People living in the vicinity of the school-say that the noise of the explosion was terrible. Buildings for several squares were perceptibly shaken. Some had their windows completely blown out and were otherwise damaged by the concussion. For a time great excitement provailed. People ran terror-stricken into the street and looked askance as they stared at their neighbors. At first it was thought that the dynamiters were again at work and had made an attempt to blow up the school.

A large force of police was soon at the scene and kept the streets clear of the crowds who gathered in the vicinity. When the true facts were learned people went quietly on their way, expressing regret at the horrible accident. The dead and wounded have all been removed, and no one can be found who will speak with any degree of certainty as to the number of persons killed and injured by the accident. The school buildings were all more or less injured.

General Stephenson Brusquely CAIRO, Feb. 27.—General Stephenson was insulted on the street yesterday by an Arab. The General went to the police station to ledge a complaint against the Arab and was brusquely received, the officer on duty preferding not to know the General.

The Russians Menacian Afghanis-tine.

Calcutta, Feb. 27.—The Vicercy of India will go to Pachawur to meet the Ameer of Afghanistan who is about to visit India. Baxaar rumors are current to the

India. Bazaar rumors are current to the effect that Russia is collecting a large army for the purpose of advancing on Afghanis-

To Protect Buildings. LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British Fire Bri-gade has offered the Government the ser-vices of 5,000 fremen to protect public mildings against the designs of dynamiters.

The Pension Investigation. Statistician Sawyer of the Pension Ba-rean testified before the House Committee on Pensions this morning that Colonal Dudley had increased the force in the burean three times at an expense of 195 per

cent., while the results of the work showed an increase of but 8 per cent, and a frac-tion. There will be more meetings of the committee during this session of Congress. "Victor Durand." Through the courtersy of Mr. Staples of Willard's, Willard Hall has been placed at the disposal of Wallack's Theatre Company, who will present the popular drama Victor Durand' at that hall this evening and to-morrow afternoon and evening.

District Government Notes. Hon. C. P. G. Clarke has requested the Commissioners to detail one of the inspect-ors of the Inspector of Building's Office to examine the decorations being put upon the Pension Office, at Twelfth street and

R. T. Smith, of the tugboat F. D. Hart-ey, has offered to rent his boat to break the ee on the river at a reasonable compousa-

tion.

The Commissioners have asked Cangress to appropriate \$1,500 additional to finish the new Sixth Precinct Station-House. The money is needed to build a shed for the police ambulance and to furnish the station.

FINANCIAL.

Wall Street Gossip.

New York, Feb. 27.—Money 2 per cent.
Exchange quiet but firm. Governments firm.
Currency 08, 128 bid. 48, coupons, 1221, bid.

44,8, do., 124, bid. The stock market this morning opened feverish, and in the early morning opened feverish, and in the early cashings there was considerable seiling of the whole list. Prices declined steadily from the opening to the first call, at which time they were down it to 1½ per cont. below those of last night.

The market during the hour to 11:30 was dull out sight fluctuations, but lust before midday some "chipsed" stocks were bid up and the rest of the list advanced fractionally in sympathy. At the time of writine prices show some recovery, but the market is dull and featureless.

New York-Stock Market.

The following have been furnished by Bate man & Co., bankers, 1411 Fatreet, being the most active stocks in the New York Exchange Name, O. Opan, Name, O. Spins.

The Oil Market.